

REMARKS

The title has been amended to reflect the current claim amendments.

Claims 1-8 and 13-17 have been amended further to the Examiner's suggestions as described on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. Applicants submit that no prohibited new matter has been introduced by these amendments, which find full support throughout the specification as originally filed.

1. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-8 and 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for the reasons asserted on pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

Without acquiescing to the merits of this rejection and to expedite prosecution of the application, Applicants have amended the contested claims as suggested by the Examiner on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. In particular, "dispensing means" has been replaced with "dispensing device" and "valve means" has been replaced with "valve" and "capillary means" has been replaced with "capillary device". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

2. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 and 13-17 are indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the asserted rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

As discussed in section 1 above, the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection has been fully addressed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner find the claims in condition for allowance.

3. Conclusion

The foregoing amendments and remarks are being made to place the application in condition for allowance. Should an interview be helpful to further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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